

REMARKS

This Amendment and Response is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 29, 2006. In that action: claims 1-61 were pending; claims 1-4, 6, 12, 13, 15, 27, 30, 32, 33, 36, 42, 43, 57, 58, and 61 were objected to due to informalities; claims 1 and 31 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Pershan (USPN 7,050,558); claims 3-6, 9-30, 33-36, and 39-61 were allowed; and claims 2, 7, 8, 32, 37, and 38 were objected to but noted as allowable if rewritten to not depend from the rejected claims.

The two claims (1 and 31) that were rejected on prior art grounds have been cancelled. Claims 16 and 46 have also been cancelled. Claims 2, 7, 32, and 37 have been amended into independent form. It is respectfully submitted that objected to claims 2, 7, 8, 32, 37, and 38 are now in condition for allowance. Claims 3, 6, 13, 15, 27, 30, 32, 33, 36, 43, 45, 57, 58, and 61 have been amended to correct informalities.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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